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SUBJECT: OPRED - COMMERCE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE STAFFING
AT TEHRAN TRADE CENTER BY ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL
REF : TEHRAN 1901 AND PRECEDING

1. HAVING RE-EVALUATED ITS MANPOWER NEEDS FOR THE TEHRAN
TRADE CENTER, COMMERCE/DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION (DIBA) PROPOSES TO ADD ANOTHER FOREIGN
NATIONAL POSITION, WHICH WOULD RAISE COMMERCE STAFFING AT
CENTER TO ONE AMERICAN, FOUR FOREIGN NATIONALS.

2. COMMERCE LETTER DESCRIBED NEEDED POSITION AS MARKET
PROMOTION ASSISTANT, PROMPTING DEPARTMENT TO SEEK CLARI-
FICATION OF ITS RELATIONSHIPS TO THE PENDING MARKET RESEARCH
OFFICER (MRO) POSITION DISCUSSED IN TEHRAN 4436 AND ELSE-
WHERE. STATE/COMMERCE DISCUSSIONS HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT
DUTIES OF PROPOSED POSITION ARE UNRELATED TO MARKET RESEARCH

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3. FYI, IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENTIAL DECISION DATED MAY 29, 1973 CONCERNING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION OVERSEAS, ACTING DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT TARR RULED ON AUGUST 15, 1973 THAT THE OVERSEAS MARKET RESEARCH FUNCTION IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT/FOREIGN SERVICE. TIMING FOR MANNING THE TEHRAN MRO POSITION HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. END FYI

ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION ON THE COMMERCE PROPOSAL INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OF THE EMBASSY. PORTER

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